

I think the settlement of the last session and the firm course of the administration in the execution of the fugitive slave law, has given a new lease to slavery, and property of that kind has not been so secure for the last 25 years. The Wilmot proviso (intended merely to stigmatize the South) rejected, the fugitive law enacted, and a Northern President avowing his readiness to execute it by Military force, if necessary, has brought right minded men at the North, to reflection, and the pulpit, long the nursery of Abolition there, is now preaching adherence to the Constitution, and maintenance of the Law.

The gaities of the season are commencing, and we will be exceedingly glad if you will come on, and spend a few weeks with us. Henry Graham has been here, and will stop again, on his return from New York.

William Morrison seems to be very well satisfied with Washington. At the request of Adolphus Erwin, I have promised a Clerkship to his son Bulow, who is to come on soon. I have also obtained a clerkship in the 3rd. Auditor's office for a son of John Scott, of Hillsborough. Webster is still doubting about giving the Consulship at Havanna to Waddell.

I fear our Legislature may commit some folly on secession. Any such course on the part of the Whigs I regard as a reflection on the administration, which has shown every disposition to favor Southern interests, and agitation on that topic indicates distrust in its sincerity.

My family are all well. I shall put my boys to school in a day or two. If you should come on, and pass Hillsboro', I will thank you to inquire how my affairs are going on.

I had a letter from Chas. Graham some six weeks since, asking that the Post Office should be transferred from the Furnace to his Forge. I supposed it might be inconvenient to you, and offensive to Col. Brevard, and therefore have not made the application.

In haste,

Very Affectionately Yours.